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SUBJECT: CLUB DE DAKAR HOLDS THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN ABIDJAN

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CLUB OF DAKAR HELD ITS THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN ABIDJAN, WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29. THE CLUB,
MODELED ROUGHLY AFTER CLUB OF ROME, IS A GROUP
OF INDIVIDUALS, DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND
ACADEMIA, MOSTLY AFRICAN BUT INCLUDING SEVERAL EUROPEANS
AND AMERICANS (HERMAN KAHN, HOLLIS CHENERY, NEITHER OF
WHOM WAS PRESENT). THE CLUB'S PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIAL NATIONS,
AND THE ASSEMBLY PRODUCED THREE DOCUMENTS TOWARD THAT
END: A FIVE POINT DECLARATION ON GLOBAL COOPERATION;
A "CHARTER OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION;" AND A LIST OF
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES TO BE ENCOURAGED IN THE LDC'S.
DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS AND ARE PREDICTABLY
AMBITIOUS AND UNSPECIFIC. MEETING GENERALLY CHARAC-
TERIZED BY OPTIMISM AND GOOD FEELING. OF NOTE WAS
PROPOSAL BY CLUB PRESIDENT (IVORIAN MINISTER OF PLAN)
DIAWARA FOR PREFERENTIAL PETROLEUM PRICE FOR LDC'S,
WHICH WAS APPLAUDED BY MOST DELEGATES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-
BOIGNY WHO WELCOMED THE DELEGATES TO THE IVORY COAST,
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PRAISED THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE A NEW MORE REALISTIC AND

EGALITARIAN ECONOMIC ORDER AND WISHED THEM EVERY SUCCESS.

2. CLUB PRESIDENT DIAWARA ADDRESSED THE GROUP AND OUTLINED THE PROGRAM FOR THE ASSEMBLY. THE OVERALL AIM OF THE CLUB, HE STATED WAS TO FIND A WAY TO CHANGE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ORDER AND ATTAIN FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL NATIONS A NEW MORE EGALITARIAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR OBJECTIVE REFLECTION AND PATIENT DIALOGUE AND WARNED AGAINST THE TENDENCY TO SACRIFICE LONG-TERM GOALS FOR SHORT-TERM IDEOLOGICAL OR POLITICAL VICTORIES. THE CONFERENCE WAS TO CONSIDER THREE DOCUMENTS. FIRST A DECLARATION ON GLOBAL COOPERATION. THIS DOCUMENT DEALT WITH (1) THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES WITH FINANCIAL SURPLUS; (2) THE PREFERENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (3) REGULARIZATION OF RETURNS FROM EXPORTS FROM LDC'S; (4) MANAGEMENT OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND, (5) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH DATA TO SOLVE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. CONCERNING RESOURCE TRANSFERS, DIAWARA MADE FOUR CONCRETE PROPOSALS: (1) THAT RESOURCE TRANSFERS FROM INDUSTRIALIZED AND SURPLUS DONORS BE INCREASED ABOVE THE UN TARGET AND BE DISTRIBUTED ON A PRECISE SCHEDULE; (2) AT LEAST A PARTIAL GUARANTEED REGULARIZATION OF GRANT AID, CALCULATED ANNUALLY AS A PROPORTION OF SOME BASE FIGURE SUCH AS TRADE RECEIPTS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS; (3) A GRADUATED REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF OIL FOR NON-PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH THE COST DIFFERENTIAL MADE UP BY THE PRODUCER NATIONS; AND (4) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUALLY AGREED MECHANISMS TO GUARANTEE DIRECT INVESTMENTS AND LOAN ACCORDS BETWEEN DEBTOR AND CREDITOR NATIONS.

4. THE SECOND DOCUMENT IS A DRAFT CONTRACT, OUTLINING THE RULES WHICH WILL GOVERN INDUSTRIAL TRANSFERS BETWEEN PARTIES. ITS PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE A SET OF REGULATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A DISAGREEMENT.

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5. THE THIRD DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH THE MEMBERS FEEL SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES. TO THIS END, CONFERENCE PROPOSED ACCORDS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS.

6. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MODERATE IN TONE, TUNISIAN PROFESSOR CHEDLEY AYARI DIFFERED SHARPLY FROM DIAWARA. IN DISCUSSING THE ENERGY CRISIS HE BLAMED

THE PRICE RISES ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS RATHER THAN ON OPEC. HE ALSO SAID THAT MUCH OF THE INFLATION IN THE LDC'S IS CAUSED BY INFLATION IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLDWHICH RAISES PRICES OF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTS AND DRAGS LDC'S INTO AN INFLATIONARY SPIRAL OVER WHICH THEY HAVE NO CONTROL. AYARI'S ADDRESS RECEIVED IN STONY SILENCE.

7. COMMENT: CONCLUSIONS OF CLUB OF DAKAR
OBVIOUSLY DO NOT COMMIT GOVERNMENTS, AND MEMBERS SERVE IN PERSONAL CAPACITIES. ON BALANCE, MEMBERS OPTED FOR DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. MEMBERSHIP IS LARGELY DRAWN FROM MORE MODERATE AFRICAN LDC'S, AND THIS OUTCOME WAS PREDICTABLE. LAVISH IVORIAN HOSPITALITY, AND DIAWARA'S IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENT, MAY SUGGEST INCREASING IVORIAN READINESS TO TAKE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG THIRD WORLD MODERATES.
END COMMENT. STEARNS

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